GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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MEDICINES FOR CANCER DIABETES BY IMS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that Indian Medical Scientists had prepared, the curative medicines for cancer, diabetes and stammering from the medicinal plants;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the efforts made/being made to enhance research work by the Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a)to(c): A statement is laid on the table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 234 FOR 05.12.2001.

A number of trial and research work is at experimental stage on the drugs for the treatment of Cancer, Diabetes etc. The Government is encouraging scientists for undertaking research in these fields. The main areas of work which have been reported are indicated below :-

(i) Central Council for Research inAyurveda & Siddha (CCRAS) has informed that use of Ayurvedic formulations were studied at Benaras Hindu University for the treatment of Cancer. Also a project undertaken by Vaid Chandra Prakash Cancer Research Foundation, Dehradun, financed by CCRAS has shown promising results in the treatment of Acute Promyelocytic Leukaemia (APML).

(ii) Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM) has undertaken clinical and therapeutic studies on diabetes mellitus at their research centers. Promising results have been reported.

(iii) Central Drug Research Institute, Lucknow, has undertaken development of anti-diabetic drug from medicinal plants. They have also undertaken a coordinated programme on discovery, development and commercialization of new bio-active molecule and traditional preparation for Cancer.

(iv) Indian Council of Medical Research is conducting a clinicaltrial known as Flexible Dose open clinical trial on Vijayasar for the treatment of diabetics which have shown promising results.

No report about plant based medicine for stammering has been received.